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Applicant: Roninson et al.

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For: REAGENTS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND  
MODULATING EXPRESSION OF TUMOR SENESENCE GENES

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION**  
**PTO ERROR**

Dear Sir:

This petition requests that the abandonment of the above-identified patent application ("the Application") be withdrawn due to PTO error. The facts surrounding the abandonment are as follows.

On September 19, 2008, the undersigned attorney received from Margaret Martin of McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert and Berghoff LLP ("MBHB") a Notice of Abandonment of the Application, which was mailed to MBHB from the PTO on September 5, 2008. The Application was said to be abandoned due to Applicants' failure to reply to a PTO communication mailed January 10, 2008.

The Application had previously been transferred from MBHB to the undersigned attorney, and a revocation and creation of power of attorney filed on September 25, 2006 was accepted by the PTO on October 25, 2006. The undersigned attorney received a Notice of New or Revised Projected Publication Date mailed from the PTO on March 1, 2007. No subsequent communications regarding the Application were received by the undersigned attorney.

In particular, the PTO letter mailed January 10, 2008 and referred to in the Notice of Abandonment, was never received. In a telephone conversation of September 22, 2008, Examiner Laura B. Goddard acknowledged that the PTO letter had been mailed to MBHB, not to the undersigned attorney.

Since the sole Power of Attorney in the Application has resided in the undersigned attorney since October 25, 2006, and the PTO letter of January 10, 2008 was mailed in error to MBHB and was never received by the undersigned attorney, Applicants respectfully submit that the abandonment of the application resulted from PTO error. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the abandonment of the Application be withdrawn.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this petition. MPEP 711.03(c).

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference concerning this petition would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 781-933-6630.

Respectfully submitted,

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